United States Environmental Protection Agency

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Community Engagements

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Purpose

- EPA is traveling to a number of states with communities impacted by PFAS to further engage on ways the agency can best support the work that's being done at the state, local and tribal levels.
- Using information from the National Summit, community engagement, and input received through the public docket, EPA plans to develop a PFAS Management Plan for release later this year.
- These engagements will play a key role in understanding community and state and tribal challenges when identifying, addressing and communicating PFAS.
- Each engagement will be designed to hear directly from the public. There is a tremendous importance in hearing the state and local perspective and engaging with these communities so that we may find solutions to these PFAS related challenges.

Locations

Criteria

- Diversity in geographic location (include multiple regions)
- Community interest in federal/state engagement
- States or tribes that are actively engaged in identifying the challenges they are facing

Examples of potential locations:

- Portsmouth, NH: June 25-26 (Confirmed dates with Alex Dunn and Bob Scott, NH)
- Michigan: Will be scheduled in July (Confirmed with Cathy Stepp and Heidi Grether, MI)
- Security-Widefield-Fountain, CO (Interest from CO and Region 8)
- Willow Grove/Warminster, PA (Proposed by Region 3)
- North Carolina (Proposed by Region 4)

The examples provided above are from requests received and proposals from states and EPA regions.

Location, invitations, and agenda to be determined through regional and state coordination.

Audience

- EPA, state, tribal and local health and environmental officials, water utilities, and community organizations.

Key Topics

- Learn about how PFAS has impacted their community
- Strategies they have implemented and their effectiveness
- Identify additional tools that are needed
- Understand challenges when identifying, finding solutions, and communicating PFAS